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SUMMARY: FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE IS REQUESTED FOR ODD HOYDAHL (PRONOUNCED HOYDAL), VICE PRESIDENT OF NOR-WGIAN TRADE UNION FEDERATION (LO). HOJDAHL, HIS WIFE AND LO INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY KAARE SANDEGREN WILL VISIT US OCT 26 THROUGH NOV 2 EN ROUTE BACK TO NORWAY FROM ICFTU CONGRESS IN MEXICO CITY. HOJDAHLS AND SANDEGREN WILL VISIT HOUSTON OCT 26-28, NEW ORLEANES OCT 28-30, WASHINGTON OCT 30-31 AND NEW YORK OCT 31-NOV 2. HOJDAHL'S VISITED IS PRIMARILY A TOURIST VISIT WITH HIS WIFE, BUT HE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO DEVOTE SOME TIME TO DISCUSSION OF OIL AND ENERGY POLICY AND TO VISIT SPACE CENTER, AND HE WOULD BE PLEASED TO HAVE LOW-KEY, INFORMAL CONTACT WITH AFL-CIO. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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1. HOJDAHL, WHO IS GENERALLY EXPECTED TO BE ELECTED
LO PRESIDENT IN 1977, IS CHAIRMAN OF LO'S OIL AND
ENERGY COMMITTEE, AND THUS A MAJOR INFLUENCE ON LABOR
PARTY AND GOVERNMENT OIL AND ENERGY POLICY. HOJDAHL
WANTS TO USE PART OF HIS HOUSTON VISIT TO HOLD DIS-
CUSSIONS WITH OIL INDUSTRY OFFICIALS, LEARN SOMETHING ABOUT
INDUSTRY AND DISCUSS INTERNATIONAL OIL AND ENTRGY
PROSPECTS, PROBLEMS AND POLICIES. EMBASSY LABATT
SUGGESTED HE MIGHT ALSO FIND IT INTERESTING TO DISCUSS
OIL AND ENERGY QUESTIONS WITH ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS
IN WASHINGTON DURING HIS SHORT VISIT THERE. HOJDAHL
AAID HE WAS INTERESTED IN DOING THAT.

2. HOJDAHL IS ANXIOUS TO AVOID UNDERCUTTING LO
PRESIDENT TOR ASPENGREN'S EFFORTS TO ARRANGE LATER
MEETING WITH AFL-CIO PRESIDENT MEANY (REFTEL) AND
THEREFORE PLANS TO KEEP HIS OWN WASHINGTON VISIT
INCONSPICUOUS. HE AND SANDEGREM WOULD, HOWEVER, BE
HAPPY TO HAVE LOW-KEY, INFORMAL MEETING WITH INTER
NATIONAL DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR LEE AND/OR OTHERS AT
AFL/CIO IF AFL-CIO WISHES, ESPECIALLY IF THEY COULD BE HELPFUL
IN REGARD TO A LATER ASPENGREN VISIT WITH MEANY.

3. SANDEGREN SUGGESTED AND HOJDAHL AGREED THAT
IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AND USEFUL TO MEET AND EXCHANGE
VIEWS PROMINENT TRADE UNION FIGURES IN HOUSTON
AND NEW ORLEANES, PREFERABLY IN A SINGLE MEETING IN
EACH CITY.

4. HOJDAHLS ANDSANDREGEM ARE ALSO INTERESTED IN
VISITING HOUSTON SPACE CENTER AND LEARNING MORE ABOUT
US SPACE PROGRAM.

5. HOJDAHL AND SANDEGREN ARE FLUENT IN ENGLISH.
THEIR ITINERARY IS AS FOLLOWS: ARRIVE HOUSTON SUNDAY
OCT 26, AT 1520 ON PA 502; DEPART HOUSTON ON OCT 28,
AT 2105 ON DL 196; ARRIVE NEW ORLEANES AT 2155; DEPART
NEW ORLEANES OCT 30 AT 1100 ON DL 126 ; ARRIVE WASHINGTON
1459; DEPART WASHINGTON OCT 31 AT 1559 ON AA 595;
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ARRIVE NEW YORK 1657; DEPART NEW YORK NOV 1 AT 1100.
NORWEGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY WILL ARRANGE HOTELS.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE CABLE SUGGESTED PROGRAM
AND CONTACTS . EMBASSY WILL CABLE NAMES OF HOTELS
WHEN SANDEGREN INFORMS US.
BUCHANAN

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